

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner
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Application Serial No. 10/695,067	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 28, 2003	)	Ref. No. MSDI-1002/PC767.00
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MULTI-AXIAL CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR	)	June 17, 2009
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS	)	

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 18, 2009, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due with regard to the filing of this response. Additionally, please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 13-2546, but not to include payment of issue fees.

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-31, 33-46, 49, 51-55 and 57-63 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action dated March 18, 2009. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.